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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 20

18 January 1949

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Col. Van Wyk	Army
Lt. Col. Ruwet*	Army
Capt. Field**	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
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\*Appointed principal Army member,  
vice Col. H. C. Ahalt.

\*\*Appointed alternate Army member,  
vice Dr. H. F. Irwin.

2. As a result of reexamination of original capabilities, Army presented a revised schedule for Chapter III and Supplements Nos. I and III for FY 1949. This revised schedule provides for the production of six finished studies in FY 1949 instead of eight, as originally planned. The revised schedule is as follows:

Date	NIS No.	Area	Sec. No.	Supp No. I (NIS No.)	Supp No. III (NIS No.)
Jan 49	53	Egypt	36		
"	26	USSR	36		
Feb 49	53	Egypt	35, 37	53	
Mar 49	29	Transjordan	12 (Chap. I)		
"	26	USSR	37		
Apr 49	26	USSR	31, 32, 33, 34, 35	26	
"	11	Sweden	37, 38		11
May 49	13	[REDACTED]	37		
"	26	USSR	38		26
"	33	Iran	12 (Chap. I)	33	33
Jun 49	28	Syria and Lebanon	12 (Chap. I)	28	28
"	26	USSR	30	11	
"	53	Egypt	31, 32, 33, 34, 38		53
"	11	Sweden	31, 32, 33, 35, 36		
Jul 49	11	Sweden	30		
"	13	[REDACTED]	36, 38		13

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The other members of the Committee concurred in the above revised schedule.

3. Col. Van Wyk said that there are certain graphics requirements now in effect concerning Chapter III which Army would like to have modified. He, accompanied by representatives of the Corps of Engineers and Transportation Corps, is to visit G/Ba on Wednesday, 19 January 1949, to discuss these requirements.

4. Col. Van Wyk said that inquiry had disclosed that the Joint Logistic Plans Group desired data on port capacities in Section 35 and Supplement No. I. It was the consensus that these data should be furnished but according to a standard formula and standard assumptions. Representatives of Army and Navy, in consultation with JLPG, will determine these assumptions and formula.

5. The Chairman commented on the quality of contributions to NIS. He pointed out in this regard that NIS material must be (1) of the best possible quality as to correctness and sufficiency of facts and clarity of presentation, and (2) of sufficient body to meet its requirement of serving as a basis for strategic planning and highest level operational planning. While the NIS is not designed to meet the requirements of all levels of operational planning, each Agency is responsible for maintaining details in excess of NIS requirements so as to be able to meet readily its Departmental responsibilities regarding lower level operational planning. G/Ba undertakes to assist contributors to NIS in maintaining quality by advice which will emanate from substantive reviews of material within CIA.

6. A request of the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, for NIS Chapters III and Supplements Nos. I, II, and III, was laid before the Committee. It was pointed out that, inasmuch as the Department of Commerce provides data on transportation to the IAC Agencies, the request appears to have a basis of prima facie validity; but that each Agency should examine the request with mature reflection before the Committee comes to a decision. Accordingly, members agreed to present, in informal memoranda, the views of their Agencies at the next meeting.

7. It was announced that, with the informal concurrence of all Agencies, the gazetteers of JANIS #40 and JANIS #41 will not be published. Reasons: (1) to do so would produce bottlenecks in BGN and GPO, and (2) the preliminary gazetteer for NIS #26 (USSR) will appear shortly and will far more than adequately serve to replace the unpublished JANIS gazetteers.

8. The following data relative to the preliminary gazetteer for NIS #26 (USSR) and preliminary gazetteers for other NIS were announced:

a. Gazetteers will be printed by the offset method of a size reduced about 15% below that originally contemplated. Legibility, however, will be unimpaired. Binding will be inexpensive.

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b. The preliminary gazetteer for NIS #26 (USSR) will be published in three parts as follows:

(1) Part I (about 60,000 place names - European USSR) will consist of four volumes, each about 7/8" thick. This Part should be ready for distribution in about three weeks.

(2) Part II (about 30,000 place names - Asiatic USSR) will consist of two volumes similar to the above. This Part should be ready for distribution in about two weeks after the appearance of Part I.

(3) Part III (about 20,000 names of physical features - entire USSR) will consist of two volumes similar to the above. This Part should be ready for distribution about two weeks after the appearance of Part II.

(4) All of the above will be disseminated to IAC Agencies according to requirements previously received from them.

(5) A total of 1,500 sets of this gazetteer will be published and a total reserve stock of 370 sets will be retained in CIA to meet subsequent requirements.

c. After the publication of the preliminary gazetteer for NIS #26, preliminary gazetteers for other areas should appear at the rate of approximately two plus per month.

d. Because of the intelligence nature of preliminary gazetteers and of the fact that changes therein will undoubtedly occur, no general governmental distribution of these preliminary gazetteers will be made. When final gazetteers appear, it is planned to declassify them and make them available to BGN for general dissemination.

e. It is hoped to satisfy current ad hoc requests for name clearances provided Agencies present realistic deadlines and properly coordinate the requests before transmitting them to G/Ba.

f. When marked changes occur in preliminary gazetteers, addenda sheets will be issued.

9. The proper length of NIS sections and chapters was discussed. It was pointed out that it is infeasible to define the length of sections and chapters. Chapter coordinators should examine the available and

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potential content of chapters with a view to establishing a balancing ratio among the several parts thereof as a general guide to contributors. This would obviate the possibility of treating a relatively trivial aspect in great detail simply because the detail is available while treating a relatively important aspect in meager fashion because there is insufficient detail available. The depth of detail will vary for various sections; e.g., the JLPG requires considerably more detail in certain sections than other planners require in others. The main consideration is to avoid superficiality. The maintenance program is designed to rectify those instances where requisite information is potentially procurable but not currently available.

10. A recommendation of State concerning Sections 55E (NATIONAL POLICY - Comments on Principal Sources), 60 (INTRODUCTION to Chapter VI), 64A (MANUFACTURES - General), and 64M (MANUFACTURES - Comments on Principal Sources) was discussed. State proposed that all contributors to these Sections outside of State (CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force, Agriculture, and Interior) be required to furnish State with complete documentation of all textual sources and methodology. The following was the consensus:

a. Contributors to furnish State with relevant portions of introductions, general subsections, and comments on principal sources. State to integrate these portions into pertinent sections and subsections and supply first drafts of completed sections and subsections to contributors for review and concurrence.

b. When State is producing material which bears relation to material being produced by another contributor, State may call upon the other contributor for his sources of material specifically related to that being produced by State.

c. Where several Agencies are producing a section, full and free use should be made of working level liaison while production is in progress. State, as section coordinator, should take the lead in arranging for this liaison.

11. A further recommendation of State relative to Subsection 55D (NATIONAL DEFENSE) and Section 56 (INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY) was considered. State recommended that the former be reallocated from State to the Intelligence Agencies of the National Defense Establishment and that the latter be reallocated from State to CIA. The consensus was as follows:

a. The purpose of Subsection 55D is to show the impact of national defense policies on the national policy as a whole. 55D is, therefore, primarily political in nature and is properly allocated to State. The details of organization and functioning of departments and ministries of national defense are covered in Chapter VIII, which is prepared by the

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Armed Forces Agencies. State may obtain from these Agencies any material it needs for the preparation of 55D and may obtain the collaboration of these Agencies in preparation. State should reorient such material so as to show the impact of national defense policies on the national policy as a whole. The allocation as it now stands provides for just such procedure.

b. Again, the purpose of Section 56 is to show the part which the overall system of intelligence and security plays in the political fabric of the state. Specific discussion of the intelligence and security systems of the armed forces is a subject for Chapter VIII, which is prepared by the Armed Forces Agencies. State may obtain from these Agencies any material it needs for the preparation of Section 56 and the collaboration of these Agencies in preparation. However, in some countries, the system of intelligence and security <sup>has</sup> aspects which transcend the field of armed forces activity. For example, in the USSR, the supreme head of the intelligence and security system is a member of the Politburo and intelligence and security activities impinge upon the lives of all citizens of the Soviet Union at home and abroad and upon the implementation of Soviet aims for world domination. State should be the best qualified of the IAC Agencies to cover these broader aspects and should integrate material received from the Armed Forces Agencies into a discussion of the intelligence and security system as a whole. Procedure of the nature set forth above is specifically provided for in the Outline Guide for Chapter V, Section 56: "This section is to be done by State with the collaboration of Army, Navy, Air Force, and CIA."

12. The Chairman read a report which indicated four sections the submission of which to G/Ba has been delayed and the reasons for such delay. It was pointed out that, while the reasons are all normal and valid enough in themselves, similar reasons may cause similar delays all along the line until the FY 1949 Production Schedule is rendered meaningless. It was, therefore, recommended that each Agency restudy its capabilities for meeting the FY 1950 Production Schedule and realign its effort so as to assure that deadlines will be met. Such a restudy may show that the Schedule must be curtailed to bring it realistically within Agency capabilities. If so, it is better frankly to reduce the total scheduled production below the equivalent of fifteen (15) complete NIS during FY 1950 than to have the Schedule go piecemeal by default.

13. The Navy member mentioned, in discussing the above, that Navy had offered to prepare certain beach studies for the Beach Erosion Board (Corps of Engineers) but that the latter had declined the offer. Col. Van Wyk said that he would look into the matter and see whether the offer could not be accepted.

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14. Col. Van Wyk brought to the attention of the Committee that the Marine Corps has published a basic intelligence study on Tunisia which follows exactly the requirements of Standard Instructions for National Intelligence Surveys. The Navy member explained that this study had been prepared under pressure to meet an immediate Marine Corps requirement and that the quality of some of the material contained in it might be deficient. It was the consensus that each Agency should examine this study and, in the preparation of NIS #46 (Tunisia), use such material contained therein as may be found suitable.

15. The Chairman announced the following concerning a slight change in the format of published NIS:

a. The page has been cut down  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in width and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " in length; new size  $9\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{8}$ ".

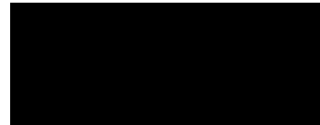
b. This will involve practically no changes in specifications for producers as laid down in Editorial Instructions.

c. Reasons for the change:

(1) Increase in printing efficiency of approximately 100%.

(2) Savings in paper costs of approximately \$4,000 per year.

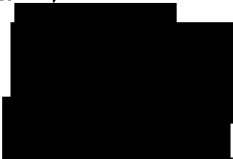
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